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SUBJECT: INTERCOMMUNAL TALKS POSTPONED

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1. NEXT SESSION INTERCOMMUNAL TALKS, SCHEDULED FEB 12, HAS BEEN POSTPONED UNTIL FEB 19 AS RESULT CONSTITUTIONAL EXPERTS, AND GREEK AND TURKISH AMBASSADORS, CONSULTATIONS IN ATHENS AND ANKARA.

2. LEAVING CYPRUS FEB 6, GREEK AMB LAGACOS APPEALED FOR MAINTENANCE NATIONAL BRIDGE LINKING GREEK AND CYPRIOT HELLENISM. DIFFERENCES OF OPINION, HE SAID, SHOULD NOT RPT NOT BE ALLOWED DISTURB THIS "EMOTIONAL BRIDGE". EMPHASIZED THAT CYPRUS "GREAT NATIONAL PROBLEM" FOR GREECE. (THIS HAS LIMITED OFFICIAL USE

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BECOME INCREASINGLY COMMON THEME IN STATEMENTS BY GOG

SPOKESMEN HERE.)

3. MEANWHILE, TURK CYPRIOT LEADER DENKTASH HAS GIVEN SERIES BELLICOSE SPEECHES, THREATENING PERMANENT SEPARATION AND INITIATION CIVIL DISOBEDIENCE CAMPAIGN IF COMMUNITY'S RIGHTS NOT FULLY RESTORED (FBIS M092253).

4. COMMENT: WE ASSUME BOTH ATHENS AND ANKARA SEE NEED FOR STOCK-TAKING. WORTH NOTING THAT ANKARA'S EXPLANATORY REMARKS ON FEDERALISM HAVE HEIGHTENED, NOT REDUCED, LOCAL "UNITARY/FEDERAL" DEBATE. MOST GREEK CYPRIOT PRESS AGAIN PREDICTS "DECISIVE PHASE" IN INTERCOMMUNAL TALKS FOLLOWING CONSULTATIONS. EMBASSY DOUBTS GLACIAL PEACE WILL BE DISTURBED UNDULY.
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